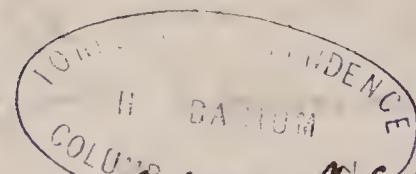


Phila^d Nov. 24. 1817.

C My dear Sir.



Your very acceptable letter
dated a few days before your departure from Wilmington
accompanied by a packet of plants came to me just on
the point of setting off for Bucks County, and now just
returned I find a subsequent one from the same
place, together with one this day rec'd. from
Norfolk dated the 20th. inst. you will per-
ceive then that it is not possible for me to
enter on any detail of a Botanical nature on
the interesting contents of the two former - and
even this hasty reply will hardly reach you
step in time. I will however say two
words in relation to the Scapus you found
at Washington, which I did in compliance with
your wish examine and compare with your
own description & with specimens of my own
considered as *Scapus autumnalis*, which if
not the same, comes very near to *S. mulronei*
Latus M^r. Your plant say the single speci-
men you sent me fits well your descrip-
tion save that you call the calyx terete
I find it completely flat, and with my best
means on the whole, which may be poor
at best, of judging, I am most inclined
to consider it as a low perhaps Standard

variety of *S. autumnalis*. But you on the
spot among living plants and in possession
of many Specimens ought to be a better judge
in the case. I note what you remark
on some copies of Mr. Elliott's work which
you expect to regard to which I wish
you had entered a little more in detail,
for tho' your manner and style is generally
very clear and comprehensive, on the present
occasion I am somewhat at a loss to know
what you wish me to do - but Mr. Kinsey
will doubtless explain, and I certainly shall
be ready to comply with any wish of yours in
the case - I had a year ago a prospectus
of Mr. E. to which I promised a dozen names
and could have got more, but was told Mr.
E. in his Agent^{in H.C.} had a man about to have
an agent here, which prevented me from
adding my list, for the inconvenience
and expense in distributing a work coming
from a distant place, in numbers - at
distant periods of time is great - with
all my care where 12 names are only con-
cerned, the parties are scattered, some
delivered, some not, part paid for
and one if not two lost or mislaid
The business it seems to me is more
especially that of a Bookseller - Would

this reach me say particularly what you
would have me do. If the mere sending to
Wilmington the copies forwarded for you to Mr
Kenzie be all, that is nothing, who are the
Paters & on speak of? I presume they are
Booksellers -

It is now 12 at night.
let the time claim your indulgence for the
hasty manner of the present & crawl -
accept my thanks again
tendered, together with my best wishes
for your health & prosperity.

a. decr

L. C. D.

[Zaccheus Collins]



D. Baldwin

1823

Dr. Wm. Baldwin
of the U. S. Congress
at Norfolk, Virg.

Received Nov. 29th.
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Dr Torrey

Philadelphia

April 22, 1819

Dear Sir,

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from the J. D. Crooke Collection

Given by A. M. VAIL.

Do not in this late offer
 of thanks for your letter of Dec^r. last
 refuse them on acc^d. of my seeming
 neglect. In truth, I waited to go
 over the little packet first, in which
 I perceived some very small specimens
 without fructification. On the Penn^d.
 mountains last summer I met with
 an accident, blinding me for a week,
 which since has subjected my eyes
 to occasional inflammation, and I
 have lately been forbidden to subject
 them to any severe test till the
 present tendency be subsided. Hence
 have I not for these 4 months at
 tempted critically to behold a minute
 thing in natural history. My
 sight is now better, & I hope will
 be quite as before the injury

Mr. Rafinesque called on me last week
to say you were desirous to know the
locality of the Blue Iron Earth.

The principal one whence the Specimens
are obtained I have never visited
but it is on the water of Crosswick
creek not far from Allentown

It was there discovered more than
50 years ago, used as a pigment
and a notice of it published in
a magazine of those days.

If you wish to visit the place
many persons in that neighborhood
would put you on a proper direction

I shall have the pleasure
of writing you again, I trust
as long. Yours respectfully
L. C. Collard

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Tucker Rollins
April 22d. 1819.

paid late 3rd.

Dr John Story
New York